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In re application of:

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Art Unit: 1631

Appln. No.: 09/849,529

Examiner: Michael L. BORIN

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Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with Plants**

Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response be extended one (1) month from August 29, 2003 to September 29, 2003, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$110.00 for a one (1) month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization to charge the \$110 extension of time fee is given in the accompanying transmittal letter. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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